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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area (NRA), located in central Idaho, contains the headwaters of three major river systems and includes some of the most beautiful mountain ranges in the state. The famous "River of No Return," the Salmon, originates in the northern portion of the Sawtooth NRA, the South Fork of the Payette drains the Sawtooths to the west, and the Big Wood River flows south past world-famous Sun Valley ski resort. Habitats vary with elevation from ancient stands of limber pine at over 11,000 feet, through forests of Douglas-fir, subalpine fir, lodgepole pine and aspen, to grassland and sagebrush at 5,200 feet. These diverse habitats provide food and shelter for approximately 214 species of birds that can be found on the Sawtooth NRA either in migration or during the nesting season.

This list is intended to be used with a field guide to help identify and observe birds during your visit to the area. If you see any species not on the list or listed as endangered, please report the sighting to the Sawtooth NRA headquarters (eight miles north of Ketchum) or the Stanley Ranger Station. Need identification help? Feel free to stop by at either location for some friendly advice.

## LEGEND

### Abundance

- A = Abundant or common in large numbers
- C = Common in suitable habitat
- U = Uncommon (present in small numbers)
- O = Occasionally seen
- R = Rare (recorded less than 5 times)

### Habitat

- 1 = Lakes
- 2 = Marshes
- 3 = Riparian areas / rivers and streams
- 4 = Grasslands / meadows
- 5 = Sagebrush / brushlands
- 6 = Coniferous forests
- 7 = Aspen / cottonwood forests
- 8 = Rocky areas and cliffs
- 9 = Buildings, towns
- 10 = Alpine rock and meadow

### Season

- S = Spring – March to May
- S = Summer – June to August
- F = Fall – September to November
- W = Winter – December to February

Species in bold are endangered, threatened, or sensitive (a species exhibiting a downward trend in population or habitat loss). Please report any sightings of these species to the Sawtooth NRA Headquarters or the Stanley Ranger Station.

## Name



### LOONS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-throated Loon
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Common Loon**



### GREBES

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Horned Grebe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eared Grebe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Western Grebe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clark's Grebe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-necked Grebe



### PELICANS AND CORMORANTS

- \_\_\_\_\_ American White Pelican
- \_\_\_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant



### HERONS, BITTERNS, AND IBIS

- \_\_\_\_\_ American Bittern
- \_\_\_\_\_ Great Blue Heron
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cattle Egret
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black-crowned Night-Heron
- \_\_\_\_\_ White-faced Ibis



### DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tundra Swan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Snow Goose
- \_\_\_\_\_ Canada Goose
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wood Duck
- \_\_\_\_\_ Green-winged Teal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mallard
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Pintail
- \_\_\_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cinnamon Teal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Shoveler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gadwall
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Wigeon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Canvasback
- \_\_\_\_\_ Redhead
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lesser Scaup
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Harlequin Duck**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Surf Scoter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Goldeneye
- \_\_\_\_\_ Barrow's Goldeneye
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bufflehead
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hooded Merganser
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Merganser
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ruddy Duck



Season				Habitat
S	S	F	W	
	R			1
U	R	U		1
U	U	U		1,2
		U		1,2
U	U	U		1,2
C	C	C		1,2
	R			1,2
O	R	O		1,2
		R		1
O	O			1
R	O	R		2
U	U	U	O	1,2,3
			R	1,2,3
O	O	O		1,2,3
R	R			1,2,3
U	R	C	R	1,2,3
O		O		1,2,3
C	U	C	O	1,2,3
U	U	R	R	1,2,3
C	C	C		1,2,3
A	A	A	U	1,2,3
U	O	O		1,2,3
O	R	O		1,2,3
C	C	U		1,2,3
U	U	U		1,2,3
U	U	U		1,2,3
C	U	C	R	1,2,3
O	R	O		1,2,3
O	R	O		1,2,3
U	U	U	R	1,2,3
U	O	O	O	1,2,3
R				3
R	R	R		1,2,3
C	C	C	U	1,2,3
O	O	U	O	1,2,3
O	O	O	O	1,2,3
R	R	R	R	1,2,3
C	C	C	C	1,2,3
U	U	U		1,2,3

## Name



### VULTURES

\_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Vulture



### EAGLES, HAWKS, and FALCONS

\_\_\_\_\_ Osprey

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bald Eagle**

\_\_\_\_\_ Northern Harrier

\_\_\_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk

\_\_\_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk

\_\_\_\_\_ **Northern Goshawk**

\_\_\_\_\_ Swainson's Hawk

\_\_\_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk

\_\_\_\_\_ Ferruginous Hawk

\_\_\_\_\_ Rough-legged Hawk

\_\_\_\_\_ Golden Eagle

\_\_\_\_\_ American Kestrel

\_\_\_\_\_ Merlin

\_\_\_\_\_ **Peregrine Falcon**

\_\_\_\_\_ Prairie Falcon



### GROUSE, PARTRIDGES, AND QUAIL

\_\_\_\_\_ Chukar

\_\_\_\_\_ Spruce Grouse

\_\_\_\_\_ Blue Grouse

\_\_\_\_\_ Ruffed Grouse

\_\_\_\_\_ Sage Grouse

\_\_\_\_\_ Wild Turkey



### RAILS, COOTS, and CRANES

\_\_\_\_\_ Virginia Rail

\_\_\_\_\_ Sora

\_\_\_\_\_ American Coot

\_\_\_\_\_ Sandhill Crane



### PLOVERS

\_\_\_\_\_ Semipalmated Plover

\_\_\_\_\_ Killdeer



### STILTS and AVOCETS

\_\_\_\_\_ Black-necked Stilt

\_\_\_\_\_ American Avocet



### SANDPIPERS

\_\_\_\_\_ Greater Yellowlegs

\_\_\_\_\_ Lesser Yellowlegs

\_\_\_\_\_ Solitary Sandpiper

\_\_\_\_\_ Willet

\_\_\_\_\_ Spotted Sandpiper



S	Season			Habitat
	S	F	W	
O	O	O		4,5,6,7,8
C	C	C		1,2,3
O	R	O	U	1,2,3
C	C	C	O	1,2,3
U	U	U	U	1,2,3
U	U	U	U	1,2,3
O	O	O	U	6,7
U	C	O		4,5
C	C	U	R	4,5,6,7
R		R		4,5
U		U	U	4,5
U	U	U	U	4,5,8
C	C	C	R	4,5,6,7
	R	R	R	4,5,6,7
R	R	R		2,3,8
U	U	U	R	4,5,8,10
U	U	U	U	8
C	C	C	U	6
C	C	C	U	6,7
U	U	U	R	6,7
R	R	R	R	5
R	R	R	R	6,7
U	U	U		2
C	C	C		2
O	O	U		1,2,3
C	C	C		2,3,4
R				1,2
A	A	A	R	1,2,3,4
O	O	O		1,2
O	O	O		1,2
O		O		1,2
O		O		1,2
R		R		2,3
O	O	O		1,2
C	C	C		1,2,3

## Name

- \_\_\_\_\_ Long-billed Curlew
- \_\_\_\_\_ Western Sandpiper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Least Sandpiper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baird's Sandpiper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pectoral Sandpiper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Snipe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson's Phalarope
- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-necked Phalarope



## GULLS AND TERNS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Franklin's Gull
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull
- \_\_\_\_\_ California Gull
- \_\_\_\_\_ Caspian Tern
- \_\_\_\_\_ Forster's Tern



## PIEGONS AND DOVES

- \_\_\_\_\_ Rock Dove
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mourning Dove

## OWLS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Barn Owl
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Fammulated Owl**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Western Screech Owl
- \_\_\_\_\_ Great Horned Owl
- \_\_\_\_\_ Snowy Owl
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Pygmy-Owl
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Great Gray Owl**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Long-eared Owl
- \_\_\_\_\_ Short-eared Owl
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Boreal Owl**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Saw-whet Owl



## GOATSUCKERS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Nighthawk
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Poorwill



## SWIFTS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Black Swift
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vaux's Swift



## HUMMINGBIRDS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Black-chinned Hummingbird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Calliope Hummingbird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rufous Hummingbird



## KINGFISHERS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher



## WOODPECKERS

- \_\_\_\_\_ **White-headed Woodpecker**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lewis' Woodpecker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-naped Sapsucker



Season				Habitat
S	S	F	W	
U	R	U		2,4
R		R		1,2
R	R	R		1,2
	R	R		
		R		
C	C	C	U	2
C	C	O		1,2
R		R		1,2
R				1,2,3
C	C	O		1,2,3
C	C	C		1,2,3
R	R	R		1,2,3
R	R	R		1,2,3
O	O	O	O	8,9
O	U	U		4,5,6,7
R	R	R		2,4,9
R	R			6,7
R	R	R		3
U	U	U	U	3,4,5,6,7,8,9
			R	2,4
U	U	U	O	6,7
R	R	R	R	6,7
O	O	O		3,6,7
O	O	O		2,4
R	R	R	R	6,7
U	U	U	U	6,7
U	C	C		4,6,7
R	O			6,7,8
R	R			8
O	O			6,7
U	U	O		3,4
C	C	U		3,4
C	C	U		5,6,7
O	C	C		5,6,7
U	U	U	U	1,2,3
R	R			6
C	C	C		3
C	C	C		6,7

## Name

- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-naped Sapsucker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Williamson's Sapsucker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Three-toed Woodpecker**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black-backed Woodpecker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Flicker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker

## FLYCATCHERS



- \_\_\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Western Wood Pewee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dusky Flycatcher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hammond's Flycatcher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cordilleran Flycatcher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Say's Phoebe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Western Kingbird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird



## LARKS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Horned Lark

## SWALLOWS



- \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Swallow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Violet-green Swallow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Swallow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cliff Swallow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Barn Swallow



## JAYS, MAGPIES, AND CROWS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gray Jay
- \_\_\_\_\_ Steller's Jay
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clark's Nutcracker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black-billed Magpie
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Crow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Raven



## CHICKADEES

- \_\_\_\_\_ Black-capped Chickadee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain Chickadee



## NUTHATCHES

- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- \_\_\_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch



## CREEPERS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Brown Creeper

	Season				
S	S	F	W		Habitat

C	C	C			6,7
U	U	U			6
C	C	C	C		6,7
C	C	C	C		6,7
O	O	O			6
O	O	O			6
C	C	C	R		3,6,7
U	U	U	R		6,7

U	U				6
C	C				3,6,7
U	U				3
U	U				3,5,6,7
C	C				6
C	C				6,7
O	O				5,8
U	U				3,5
U	U				3

O	O	O	R		4,5
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C	C	O			1,2,3
C	C	O			1,2,3
U	U	O			1,2,3
O	O	O			1,2,3
A	A	O			1,2,3,8
C	C	O			1,2,3,9

U	U	U	U		6
U	U	U	U		6
C	C	C	C		6
C	C	C	C		3,5,7
O	O	O	R		6,7,9
U	U	C	C		4,5,6,7,8

C	C	C	C		6,7
C	C	C	C		6

C	C	C	C		6,7
U	U	U	U		6,7

U	U	U	U		6,7
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## Name



### WRENS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Rock Wren
- \_\_\_\_\_ Canyon Wren
- \_\_\_\_\_ House Wren
- \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Wren

### DIPPERS

- \_\_\_\_\_ American Dipper



### THRUSHES

- \_\_\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain Bluebird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Townsend's Solitaire
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hermit Thrush
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Robin
- \_\_\_\_\_ Varied Thrush



### THRASHERS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gray Catbird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sage Thrasher



### WATER PIPITS

- \_\_\_\_\_ American Pipit



### WAXWINGS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Bohemian Waxwing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing



### SHRIKES

- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Shrike
- \_\_\_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike



### STARLINGS

- \_\_\_\_\_ European Starling



### VIREOS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Solitary Vireo
- \_\_\_\_\_ Warbling Vireo



### WOOD WARBLERS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nashville Warble
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Townsend's Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush
- \_\_\_\_\_ MacGillivray's Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler



### TANAGERS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Western Tanager

Season				Habitat
S	S	F	W	
U	U	U		8
O	O	O		8
C	C	U	R	6,7
O	O	O	O	6
C	C	C	C	3
U	U	U	O	6
C	C	C	O	6,7
C	C	C		4,5,7
C	C	C	O	5,6,10
C	C	C		6,7
C	C	C		6,7
A	C	C	O	3,4,5,6,7
R	R	R		6
U	U	U		3,5
O	O	O		5
O	U	O		3,4,10
O	R	U	U	5,6,7
O	O	O	R	5,6,7
U	U	U	O	5,6,7
O	O	O		5,6,7
C	C	C	O	9
O	U	O		6,7
C	C	C		3,6,7
O	O	O		3,6,7
R	R			5,6,7
C	C	C		3
C	C	C		6,7
U	U	U		6
R	R	R		3
C	C	U		3
U	U	U		2,3
U	U	U		3
C	C	C		6,7

## Name

### GROSBEAKS, SPARROWS, AND BUNTINGS



- \_\_\_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black-headed Grosbeak
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lazuli Bunting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Green-tailed Towhee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spotted Towhee
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Tree Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brewer's Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vesper Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lark Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sage Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fox Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Song Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Harris' Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco
- \_\_\_\_\_ Snow Bunting



### BLACKBIRDS, MEADOWLARKS, AND ORIOLES



- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Western Meadowlark
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow-headed Blackbird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Oriole

### FINCHES



- \_\_\_\_\_ Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black Rosy Finch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pine Grosbeak
- \_\_\_\_\_ Purple Finch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cassin's Finch
- \_\_\_\_\_ House Finch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Red Crossbill
- \_\_\_\_\_ White-winged Crossbill
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Redpoll
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pine Siskin
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Goldfinch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Grosbeak



### OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- \_\_\_\_\_ House Sparrow



Season				Habitat
S	S	F	W	
R	R	R		6,7
C	C	C		3,6,7
C	C	C		3,6,7
O	O	O		5
C	U	U		3,5
		O	O	3,5
C	C	U		5
C	C	C		5
C	C	C		5
O	O	O		5
R	R	R		5
C	C	U		2,4
U	U	U		3,7
C	C	C	U	2,3
C	C	U		2,3
C	C	C		5,6,7
R		R	R	5,6,7
A	C	C	O	5,6,7
		R	U	4
A	A	A	O	2,3
C	C	C		4,5
O	O	O	R	2
A	A	A	R	2,3,4,5,6,7
C	C	C		5,6,7
U	U	U		3,7
U	U	U	C	4,8,10
O	O	O	O	4,8,10
O	O	O	O	6
R				6,7
A	A	C	U	6
R				5,7
C	U	U	U	6,7
	R	R	O	6,7
O			U	5,6,7
C	C	C	C	6,7
U	U	U	O	3,5,7
U	U	U		6,7
O	O	O	O	9

## **Name**

The following species are hypothetical or accidental. They do not normally occur on the Sawtooth NRA.

### **ACCIDENTALS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-breasted Merganser
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gyrfalcon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black Tern
- \_\_\_\_\_ Blue Jay
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Marsh Wren
- \_\_\_\_\_ Western Bluebird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow-throated Vireo
- \_\_\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lark Bunting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Great-tailed Grackle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Grackle

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## NOTES

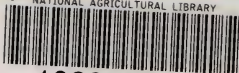
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